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Sir:

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The Examiner's attention is directed to the following U.S. application:

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JP '273, JP '508, JP '959 and JP '004 are discussed at page 5 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein. US '714 corresponds to JP '004.

US '129 and US '796, which generally relate to ink jet recording, are discussed at page 61 of the specification and may be relevant for the reasons discussed therein.

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

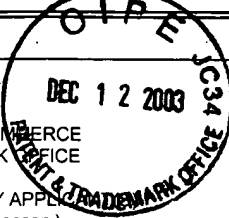
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